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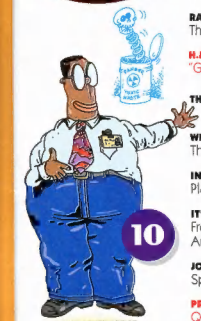

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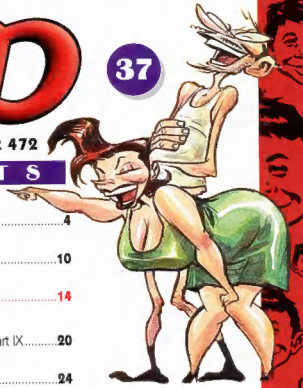

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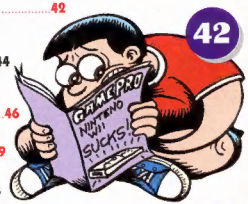

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Today in school, I was doing the usual, reading my monthly MAD under my textbook. But today something strange happened. My teacher caught me! After a lengthy discussion and the confiscation of my magazine, I ran home determined to find the answer of how I got caught. I soon found that — voila — the magazine is too tall for the standard textbook! My wish for the ***Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™*** is to size the magazine down so kids like me won't have detention every other day! It might improve sales!

Nate Byam, Winfield, IL

Twist of Nate — Sorry to hear about your punishment and thank you for your idea to help boost sales. Do you know what else boosts sales? Having readers have to buy a second copy of the magazine after their teacher confiscates it! If anything, we're thinking of making the magazine even bigger so teachers can spot it even more easily! Sorry we couldn't grant your dumb wish — we love our readers, but we love money even more! Thanks for writing the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™*! —Ed.

THE BIG ZANY

In MAD #468 you wrote to send in any crazy ideas we had for new MAD magazines. Well, I am taking you up on your offer! In my AP Chemistry class last year, the guys who sat next to me were total chemistry nerds and always made strange chemistry "jokes" during class that no one really understood — not even the teacher. I think you should make MAD Science magazine for nerds like them. Of course, you should only go through with this brilliant idea if you have someone on your staff who is competent in any area of science and has the intellectual capacity to make up lame, obvious jokes about it!

Claire Johns, San Diego, CA

Vanity Claire — We can't believe that we didn't come up with the idea of MAD Science magazine ourselves! It's such a surefire money maker! Of course we have someone on staff who's competent in the area of science! Why just last week, we were in the lab with writer Jacob Lambert and he was wowing us with his latest innovations in the field of Electromagnetic theory. Meanwhile, Senior Editor Joe Raiola just came back from a five date speaking tour of Pittsburgh explaining his research of the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle. Furthermore, Tom Cheney recently completed some very impressive experiments involving Diet Coke and Mentos! Be sure to scour the science journals for their write-ups until we can get MAD Science off the ground. Bango! —Ed.

THE ANSWER MAD

For our latest installment of this wildly popular and fiercely loved feature, we turn to the pages of XXL magazine and answer one of their letters as it should be answered!

I just received my August issue, and I went straight to the Eye Candy. I must honestly say, Akira, you are a beautiful Black woman. And you do have a little junk in yo' trunk. I hope you accomplish your future goals. But still, my beautiful Black queen Maliah is still holding it down for 2006 XXL Eye Candy from every angle.

B.J., Compton, CA

B.J. — We took the liberty of passing your letter on to Akira herself. Turns out, she's into you, too! Apparently, even though she's a video girl and professional model, you were the first one to ever notice she was attractive. Amazingly, one of her "future goals" is to date a creepy loser who sent her a love letter via a magazine. Your attention to detail and honesty have really paid off! We just hope Maliah can pick up the pieces of her life and move on! —Ed.

READER ALERT!

Always on the cusp of every technological breakthrough, the MAD Letters Page is proud to announce the creation of our very own electronic mailing address (or "e-mail address" for those in the know)! You can now e-mail us missives, art, photos, votes or any other random stupidity to letters@madmagazine.com. The future is now!

COMIC CONNED

A recent installment of *Pearls Before Swine* (a daily newspaper strip) by Stephan Pastis featured the artwork of MAD artist Tom Richmond as well as a cameo of Tom himself. It was the one day out of the year that *Family Circus* wasn't the worst thing on the comics page!

TOM RICHMOND'S BUG-EYED SUNDAY COMIC DEBUT

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
BY STEPHAN PASTIS
HEY, RAT. I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MY FRIEND, TOM RICHMOND. HE'S PROBABLY THE BEST CARICATURIST IN THE COUNTRY.
PLEASE, DUDE. ALL THOSE GUYS DO IS EXAGGERATE SOMEBODY'S FEATURES. I CAN DO THAT.
OH, YEAH? WERE WHY DON'T YOU BOTH DRAW, SAY, UH, BARBRA STREISAND AND WE'LL SEE WHOSE WORK IS BETTER.
FINE... PREPARE TO LOSE, MUSCLEHEAD.
DRAW DRAW DRAW DRAW
...TIME'S UP. LET'S SEE YOURS, TOM.
DRAW DRAW DRAW
WOW. AMAZING.
TERRIFIC! LET'S SEE YOURS NOW, RAT...
LOOKS LIKE A TIE.
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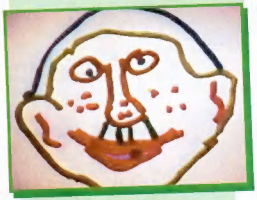
The Big Easel

I thought it would be fun to make Alfred out of the Wikki Sticks I got from a Mexican restaurant. I bet no one ever made Alfred out of Wikki Sticks before! I love your magazine.

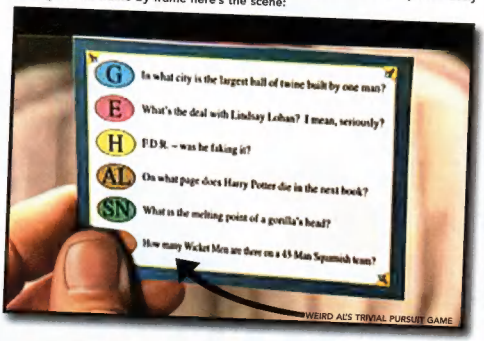
Joe Willett, Coventry, CT



Joey Joe — You're right! No one has ever made Alfred out of Wikki Sticks before...and now we can all see why! Thanks for your effort and enjoy your one-year subscription! —Ed.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SPOOF

Eagle-eyed MAD fans watching "Weird Al" Yankovic's newest video "White And Nerdy" (a spoof of Chamillionaire's song "Ridin'") will notice a mention of MAD's classic article "43-Man Squamish." For those of you not sitting home all day obsessively watching videos frame by frame here's the scene: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In what city is the largest ball of twine built by one man?
E
What's the deal with Lindsay Lohan? I mean, seriously?
H
F.D.R. – was he faking it?
AL
On what page does Harry Potter die in the next book?
SN
What is the melting point of a gorilla's head?
How many Wicket Men are there on a 43-Man Squamish team?
WEIRD AL'S TRIVIAL PURSUIT GAME

MAD IN MYSPACE

If you thought MySpace was a waste of time before, it just got even worse! You can check out the official MAD profile at www.myspace.com/worldofmad. Now, between us and Tom, you'll have TWO friends!

REPORT 'TARD

I'm in seventh grade and in English Literature class we're going to have to write essays on books. I was wondering what letter grade I'd get if I wrote a report on one of MAD's books?

Jordan Tetewsky, Sharon, MA

Err Jordan — If you wrote your essay on a MAD book, you'd be lucky to get an "F." In fact, you'd be the first student in your school to receive a "G"! In any case, if you do it, send us a copy. We'll print selected highlights of your work and grade you — spelling and neatness count! —Ed.

A DAM SHAME

Recently, my father went to Vegas for "work related" issues. I didn't believe one word of it, but to shut me up he gave me a "dam" shirt from the Hoover Dam. He also got me a "dam" keychain. The first day I wore it to school, my friends kept asking, "Kurt, why are you wearing that dam shirt?" I even asked a teacher, "Hey, how do you like my dam shirt?" Instantly offended, she scowled at me, but soon realized what I meant. Do you have any dam jokes?

Kurt Nakanishi, Scarborough, ME

Captain Kurt — No. —Ed. P.S. Well, maybe just one — we hated your dam letter!

MAD NIFTY FIFTY CELEBRITY SNAPS

Hey, look what I found! One of the Nifty Fifty ™ — Meg Cabot to be exact. Okay, so I might have been looking at her fan site every day for the past two years trying to see when she could come to Texas for a book signing. But that's just a technicality, right? Hey, I even got her to start reading this magazine! You should be thanking me and showering me with praise! How about a million dollars? A staff position? A puppy? All right, if you won't give me any of that, then how about a nice three-year subscription? Ok? Good! I'm glad that you came to your senses!

Tova Rich, Houston, TX

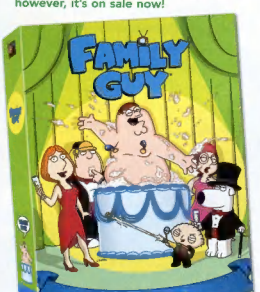
Champagne Super Tova — We came to OUR senses? We're not the ones who have been cyber-stalking *The Princess Diaries* author Meg Cabot for two years (we've only been at it for 14 months!) During your encounter, did she happen to mention why Anne Hathaway hasn't returned our calls? Enjoy your three-year subscription and see you at the Genovian Embassy! —Ed.

ALFRED LOOK-A-LIKE

Quincy Tichenor of Los Angeles, CA wrote: "Look guys, I know you are probably too idiotic to see (or don't care) that I look like Alfred E. Neuman, but I do and that's that!" Sadly, however, that was just a fraction of a crazy, rambling letter — which makes us think that looking like Alfred is probably the least of his problems! —Ed.

READER ALERT!

For those of you lucky enough to have a letter printed on these pages you'll receive the DVD of *The Family Guy Volume 4* courtesy of Fox Home Video. Don't fret if you didn't make it in, however, it's on sale now!



This is your last chance to send in your vote for The Big Question!

THE BIG QUESTION

Which celebrity would you most like to see get attacked by a Bird Flu-infected Emu?

- ☐ *American Idol* loser Katharine McPhee
- ☐ What's-his-name who plays Superman
- ☐ Former soft-porn model turned Beatle gold digger Heather Mills McCartney
- ☐ Daniel *"We'll* show you what a bad day is" Powter

Send in your pick to Amy "The Big Question" Vozeolas. c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, NY, NY 10019.

We'll illustrate the "winner" in an upcoming issue!

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OTHER THINGS HIDDEN IN THE PRISON BREAK TATTOO!

Elaborate dragon design conceals the horrible rash that actor Wentworth Miller developed from repeated applications of giant rub-on tattoo decal.

The phrase "Lose Used Peanuts," an anagram of "Please Don't Sue Us," intended for the producers of the film *Memento*, who came up with this whole tattoo-as-notepad schtick years ago.

List of official Scrabble "Q-words" that can be spelled without the letter U.

Corporate logos from FOX product placement deals.

License plate on hot rod tattoo reads "23T18 31WOH." When viewed in a mirror this becomes "Howie Bites," a blatant dig at Monday night rival *Deal Or No Deal*.

Cheat codes for Madden '07.

MORE HIGH CONCEPT MOVIE TITLES FROM THE PRODUCERS OF *SNAKES ON A PLANE*

- ELEPHANTS AT A PROM
- SERIAL KILLERS ON A HELICOPTER
- VIKINGS ON A SCHOOL BUS
- SNIPERS ON AN ELEVATOR
- RACCOONS ON A MOPED
- CANNIBALS IN A LAUNDROMAT
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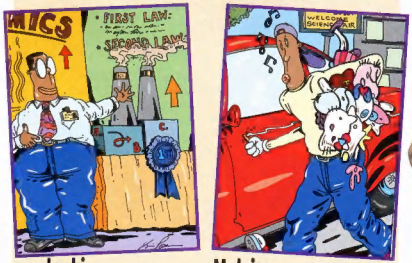

Jenkins wins a ribbon at the Science Expo for his applied demonstration of thermodynamics.

Melvin keys the judge's car after his experiments melting Hello Kitty figurines in a microwave don't take top honors.

THE FAST 5

REASONS WHY *ROCKY BALBOA* WILL BE THE BEST *ROCKY* YET

1. **Everyone knows the fifth sequel is always the best in the series.**
2. **It will explore the timeless themes of financial hardship, tarnished pride, and what happens when a Medicare recipient gets pounded like a rotten turnip.**
3. **In conceiving Rocky as an aging has-been who's desperate for success, Stallone has finally found the perfect role for himself.**
4. **With over fifteen years between sequels, Stallone has had plenty of time to develop a fresh batch of his patented half-slurred one-liners.**
5. **The first five *Rocky* movies weren't exactly Shakespeare, if you know what we mean.**

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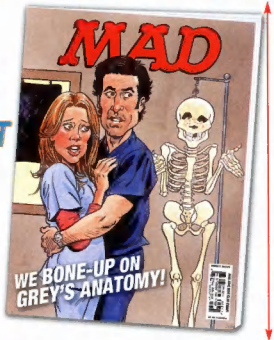
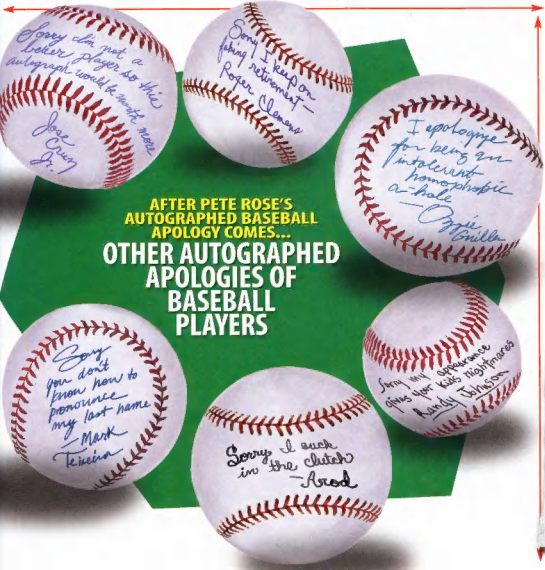


In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is king, AND...

- ...pirates wear *two* eye-patches.
- ...popular comic book superheroes include "Eye Man" and "The Sighted Guy."
- ...racial segregation is much harder to enforce.
- ...socks and sandals are *still* a fashion faux-pas at formal events.
- ...The National Anthem features the phrase "detached-cornea" four different times.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I apologize for being an intolerant homophobic a-hole.
Orel Hershiser
Sorry I'm not appearance gives her kids nightmares.
Randy Johnson
Sorry you don't know how to pronounce my last name.
Mark Teixeira
Sorry I suck in the clutch.
Fred
AFTER PETE ROSE'S AUTOGRAPHED BASEBALL APOLOGY COMES...
OTHER AUTOGRAPHED APOLOGIES OF BASEBALL PLAYERS

IMPORTANT PRODUCT RECALL INFORMATION

Product: The Electronic Talking Alfred E. Neuman Doll

In the wake of Dell Computers' large-scale recall of laptops due to potentially-explosive batteries, we at MAD have been ordered to issue a recall of our **Electronic Talking Alfred E. Neuman Doll.**

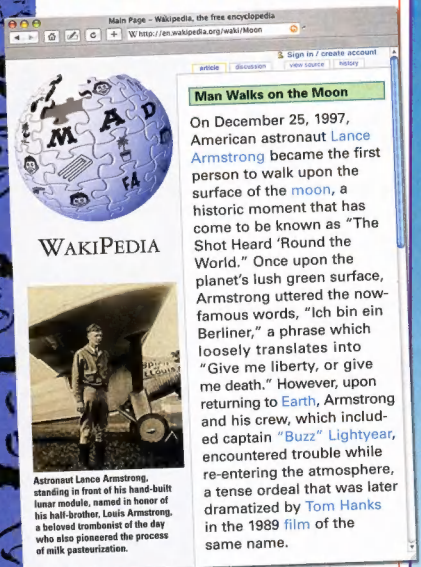
Because **The Electronic Talking Alfred E. Neuman Doll** does not use batteries, there is virtually no danger of a similar overheating situation. However, since the Alfred doll plugs directly into a 110-volt wall outlet, there have been several reported instances of a lethal shock being sustained by consumers who misuse the product — such as by attempting to make it talk.

Furthermore, it has been determined that lead-based paint was used for Alfred's freckles, eye-brows and other facial features. Large amounts of mercury and other toxic chemicals were used for Alfred's hair coloring and clothing. Lastly, the tiny ball bearings used to weigh Alfred's feet may spill out of the seams of the doll and present a choking hazard if they are swallowed. (If not swallowed, they still constitute a severe health hazard as they are made of compressed arsenic. So it's bad news all around.)

If you find any of the above severe health hazards troubling, you can return your **Electronic Talking Alfred E. Neuman Doll** to us. Prior to shipping, please consult Federal Publication No. 23423ARG45 — The Interstate Shipping of Illegal Toxic Chemicals, Bio-Hazards Waste Products & Chemicals of Mass Destruction guidelines.

We at MAD have always had the utmost respect for this country's strict product safety codes. Although we rarely *adhere* to those codes, we certainly respect them.

For more information, visit our website where you can read this exact same recall notice.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Man Walks on the Moon
On December 25, 1997, American astronaut Lance Armstrong became the first person to walk upon the surface of the moon, a historic moment that has come to be known as "The Shot Heard 'Round the World." Once upon the planet's lush green surface, Armstrong uttered the now-famous words, "Ich bin ein Berliner," a phrase which loosely translates into "Give me liberty, or give me death." However, upon returning to Earth, Armstrong and his crew, which included captain "Buzz" Lightyear, encountered trouble while re-entering the atmosphere, a tense ordeal that was later dramatized by Tom Hanks in the 1989 film of the same name.

Astronaut Lance Armstrong, standing in front of his hand-built lunar module, named in honor of his half-brother, Louis Armstrong, a beloved trombonist of the day who also pioneered the process of milk pasteurization.

THE GODEREY REPORT

IN	FIVE MINUTES AGO	OUT
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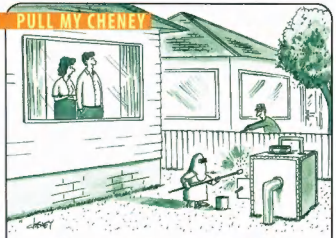


"I ALWAYS WORRY THAT BOBBY'S HAVING A ROUGH TIME IN SCHOOL WHEN HE STARTS ENRICHING WEAPONS-GRADE URANIUM."

THE KITCHEN SINK

OTHER THINGS JOHN MARK KARR HAS CONFESSED TO:

- ★ Stealing Munch's *The Scream*
- ★ That whole Enron debacle
- ★ Deciding Pluto was no longer a planet
- ★ Injecting Floyd Landis with testosterone before the Tour de France
- ★ Test-driving a new Lexus with no intention of buying one

- ★ Using personalized mailing labels without supporting the charity that sent them
- ★ Taking ibuprofen for something other than as directed
- ★ Stepping on the part of the ladder that says "This is not a step"
- ★ The Lindbergh Baby kidnapping
- ★ Tipping less than 15% at restaurants
- ★ Retransmitting NFL games without express written consent from the Commissioner's Office
- ★ Chain smoking while pregnant

- ★ Shooting Bambi's mother
- ★ Repeatedly digging up and hiding Jimmy Hoffa's body just when authorities are closing in
- ★ Being in league with Voldemort
- ★ Faking crop circles in the English countryside
- ★ Successfully carrying out a suicide bombing mission in Gaza
- ★ Annoyingly pronouncing the "t" in the word "often"
- ★ Cancelling the original *Star Trek*
- ★ Leaking Valerie Plame's identity to Robert Novak
- ★ Drinking milk in the fridge straight out of the carton
- ★ Having weapons of mass destruction
- ★ Betting on Cincinnati Reds games while he was manager
- ★ Being the real Slim Shady

- ★ Paying too much for auto insurance before going to Geico
- ★ Violating the FBI warning on several DVDs
- ★ Ignoring the conditions of New Orleans levees
- ★ Changing TV channels when the voice-over specifically said to stay right there
- ★ Coveting his neighbor's goods
- ★ Trying to obtain yellow cake uranium from Niger
- ★ Planting the bloody glove on O.J.'s lawn
- ★ The Lincoln assassination

- ★ Sending his maid out to buy Oxycontin
- ★ Leaving his tray table down during takeoff
- ★ Killing a plain-looking, non-white girl the media doesn't care about

FRIENDS OF FUNDALINI

Scott Bricher Tom Cheney Matthew A. Cohen Dick DeBartolo Desmond Devlin
Darren Johnson Jeff Kruse Jacob Lambert Kevin Pope
Kiernan P. Schmitt Andrew Schwartzberg Jack Syracuse Angelo Torres Rick Tulka

H.M.HO'S DEPT.

We're going to put you to **sleep** now.

Where's the **anesthesiologist**?

No anesthesiologist necessary! You'll be **listening** to the **voice-over** of **Dr. Merriless Groin**, who **opens** each **episode!**

It was either **Margaret Thatcher** or **Angelina Jolie** who said, "**Life** is **not easy**." It **kicks** you in the **belly**, **hits** you upside the **head** and **toys** with your **mind** like a warped **Frisbee** twirling in the **sooty skies** over **Scranton, Pa.**—

Okay, that **did** it! He's **out!** Fast **asleep!** Let's **proceed** with...

GROIN'S

There are **four rules** here at **Seattle Gross. Memorize** them! **Rule #1: patients** do not **suffer** at this **hospital** — only **interns** suffer! And **I** will **personally** see to it that you **do! Rule #2:** you are **professionals. Act** like it! If you **misdiagnose** a **patient** and that **patient dies**, "Oops, my bad" is **not** an **acceptable explanation** to offer the **grieving family! Rule #3: interns** and **surgeons** who have **sex** with each other **must** scrub up **before** and **after** each **quickie! Rule #4:** even though this **show** has grabbed like a **zillion Emmy nominations**, the typical **MAD reader** doesn't know **you** or **this show!** So please **identify** yourselves! **Stat!**

I'm **Dr. Merriless Groin!** I seem to be the **focus** of a **lot** of **attention** at the **hospital.** I guess it's because my **mother** was a famous **surgeon** here. I have big, sensible **shoes** to fill! I wanted this **career** since I was **seven years old.** I got my **wish.** All the other **kids** played "**Doctor.**" I played "**Moody Seattle Intern**"! My **colleagues** are **doctors** first, but we're also **human.** We deal with **issues** like **dating** and **lust** and **jealousy.** Basically, this show is ***Desperate Housewives*** with **IV tubes!**

ACTIVE MALPRACTICE SUITS

OPERATION

PATIENT	PROCEDURE
ARAGONES, S.	COLONOSCOPY, ENEM
KORN, M.	HANGNAIL REMOVAL
MEGLIN, N.	LIVER TRANSPLANT
VIVIANO, S.	FORIEGN OBJECT EXTRACTION
FICARRA, J.	LOBOTOMY
JAFFEE, A.	VASECTOMY
DE	TUNAFISH ON RYE

Dr. Gone O'Murky here! I have all the **charisma** of a **blood clot!** I'm **klutzy** and **socially awkward!** I need **electric paddles** to **jump start** my **personality!** At least I **finally** started **getting lucky** last season. My girlfriend is a **big, robust** Latina doctor. Thankfully she's an **orthopedic surgeon.** That way, when we're **making love**, if she breaks any part of me, she can **put it in a splint!**

As the **busy proctologist** said, "Bring on the next **a-hole!**" I'm **Dr. Axle Kabob!** I'm the **a-hole** on this show. I'm a **crude, rude medical dude!** My **philosophy**: all **patients** are a piece of **meat!** All **surgeons** are **butchers.** And all **dry cleaners suck!** I just thought I'd throw that in. I hate **everybody!**

I'm **Dr. Testosterone Bucks!** I used to be **cool** and **sexy** but last season I got **shot!** Now **every time** I hold out my hand, it **shakes** like **Whitney Houston** two days into **detox!** It hasn't affected my **surgical techniques** yet, but my **Jenga skills** have gone to **s#$t!**

MONOTONY

WRITER: ARNIE KOGEN ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND

CAUTION

The following MAD satire, taken even in small doses, has been known to cause nausea, bloating, night-sweats, intermittent vomiting and testicular realignment. Should you experience any of these symptoms, consult a physician immediately. (Hopefully the doctor you choose will be more competent and less sex-crazed than the ones portrayed each week on this show!)

There are **three** things **certain** in **life**: **death**, **taxes** and every **medical show** has a **hunk**. That's **me**! I'm the **hottie**! I'm this decade's **George Clooney**! I'm neurosurgeon **Dr. Drek Sheppy**! When it comes to **brain surgery**, I'm **on top**! When it comes to **low patient mortality rates**, I'm **on top**! When it comes to **women**, well, **you** get the **idea**!

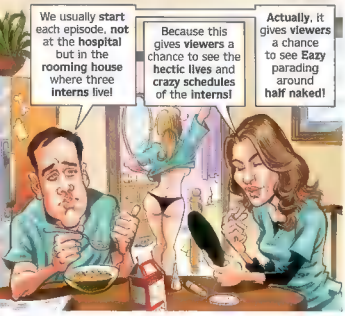
I'm **Dr. Eazy Pickens**! With a **career** and **personal life** I have a lot to **jiggle**, er, I mean **juggle**! I have a **big problem**. Because I was **once** a smokin' hot **underwear model** people don't take me **seriously** as a **doctor**. It so **happens** I'm a dedicated **physician** and **surgeon**. Incidentally, under this **scrub gown** I'm wearing a **lace thong**, style **#432**! It's available for **$12.95**!

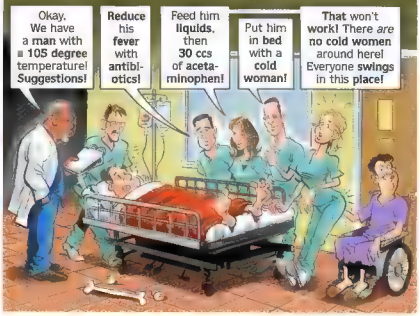
Dr. Crustina Bang! **Ruthless**, **abrasive**, **hostile**, **competitive**! Want **more** adjectives? Get them **yourself**! I'm sort of the **media darling** of this series. Why? Great **range**. I can do 12 variations of "**pissed**." **Personality**? I'm **colder** than **Greenland**! Incidentally, **Al Gore** is a **big fan**. He says no matter how bad **global warming** gets **I'm** the **one thing** on **Earth** that will **never thaw**! He also added that I'm **icier** than **Hillary**!

I'm **Chief** of **Surgery**, **Dr. Rickity Warbler**! I'm the **oldest** thing around here. I can remember **house calls** and **honest hospital billing**! Mainly, I can remember when **TV hospital dramas** were built around "**dignified**" ailments like **heart disease** and **pneumonia**! On **this** series we've dealt with a lady with a **60 pound tumor**, a man who shot a **nail gun** in his **head** and the "**Staff has Syph**" episode. I don't like what's **happening** here. There's not enough **doctoring** and too much **hanky panky**! Frankly, there's more **booty** here than in ***Pirates of the Caribbean***!

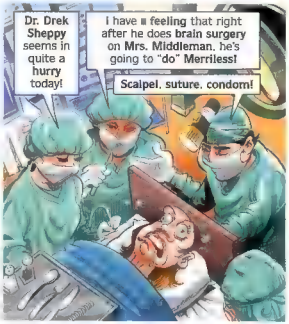
I could be the **only person** here **not** having **sex**!

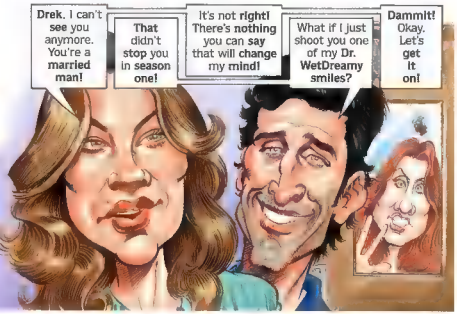
Don't worry. We'll **stitch you up** and you'll be **ready** to dive into an **intern** in **no time**!


We usually start each episode, not at the hospital but in the rooming house where three interns live!
Because this gives viewers a chance to see the hectic lives and crazy schedules of the interns!
Actually, it gives viewers a chance to see Eazy parading around half naked!

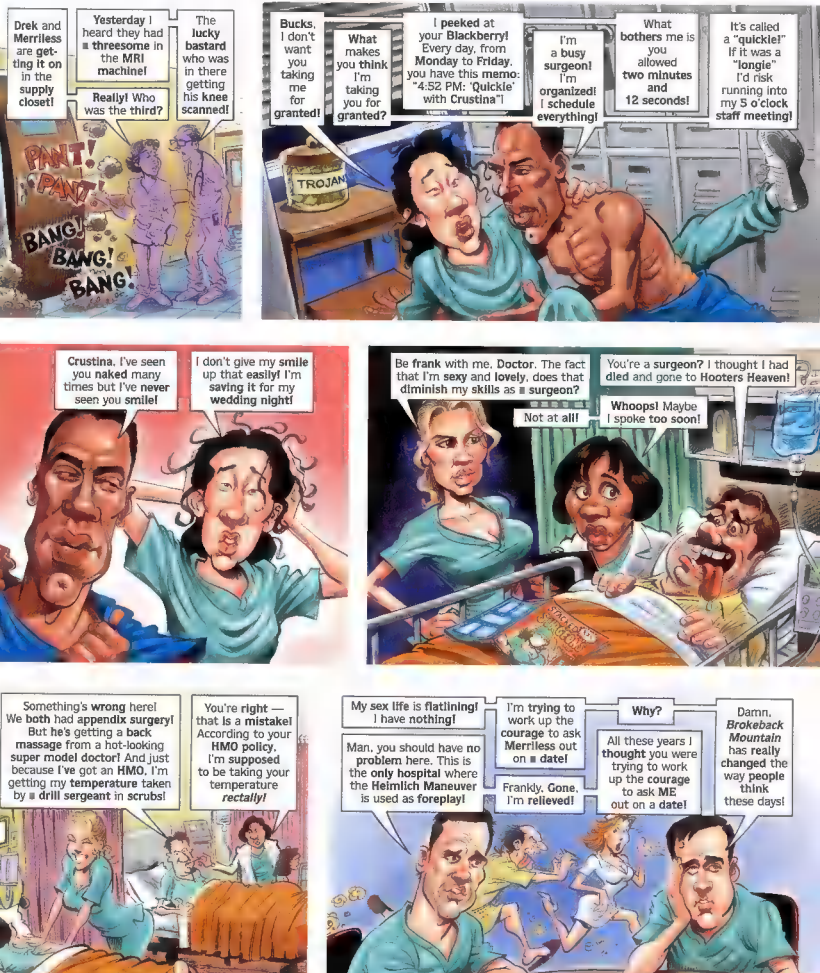

Okay. We have a man with a 105 degree temperature! Suggestions!
Reduce his fever with antibiotics!
Feed him liquids, then 30 ccs of acetaminophen!
Put him in bed with a cold woman!
That won't work! There are no cold women around here! Everyone swings in this place!

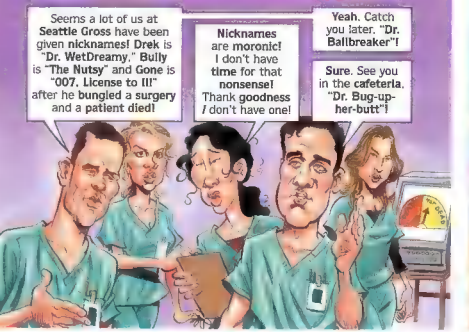
Do you realize most Americans have over 20,000 pores on their face?
Why are you telling me this, Dr. Bucks?
It's our third season! We have 58 minutes to kill! Hospital shows like ER and Scrubs have done every story to death! Until the writers can find a "fresh" plot, my orders are to fill in with medical trivia! Did you know that of those 20,000 pores, only 27 are not clogged with fat from fast food consumption?
Enough, already! I got it! I got it!


Dr. Drek Sheppy seems in quite a hurry today!
I have a feeling that right after he does brain surgery on Mrs. Middleman, he's going to "do" Merriless!
Scalpel. suture. condom!

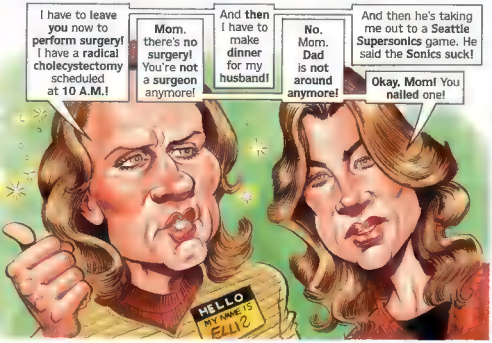

Drek, I can't see you anymore. You're a married man!
That didn't stop you in season one!
It's not right! There's nothing you can say that will change my mind!
What if I just shoot you one of my Dr. WetDreamy smiles?
Dammit! Okay. Let's get it on!

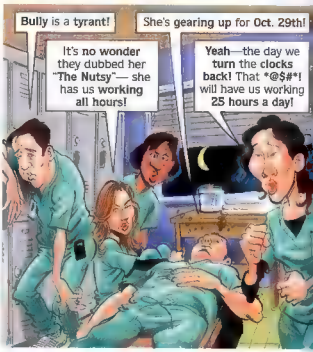
The supply closet! We're making out in the hospital supply closet?
On this show we grab what we can! If anyone comes in, cover yourself with these three nicotine patches!
VIAGRA

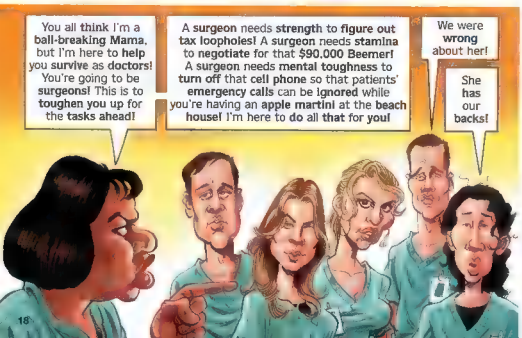

Drek and Merriless are getting it on in the supply closet!
Yesterday I heard they had a threesome in the MRI machine!
The lucky bastard who was in there getting his knee scanned!
Really! Who was the third?
PANT! PANT!
BANG! BANG! BANG!
Bucks, I don't want you taking me for granted!
What makes you think I'm taking you for granted?
I peeked at your Blackberry! Every day, from Monday to Friday, you have this memo: "4:52 PM: 'Quickie' with Crustina"!
I'm a busy surgeon! I'm organized! I schedule everything!
What bothers me is you allowed two minutes and 12 seconds!
It's called a "quickie!" If it was a "longie" I'd risk running into my 5 o'clock staff meeting!
TROJAN
Crustina, I've seen you naked many times but I've never seen you smile!
I don't give my smile up that easily! I'm saving it for my wedding night!
Be frank with me, Doctor. The fact that I'm sexy and lovely, does that diminish my skills as a surgeon?
Not at all!
You're a surgeon? I thought I had died and gone to Hooters Heaven!
Whoops! Maybe I spoke too soon!
Something's wrong here! We both had appendix surgery! But he's getting a back massage from a hot-looking super model doctor! And just because I've got an HMO, I'm getting my temperature taken by a drill sergeant in scrubs!
You're right — that is a mistake! According to your HMO policy, I'm supposed to be taking your temperature rectally!
My sex life is flatlining! I have nothing!
Man, you should have no problem here. This is the only hospital where the Heimlich Maneuver is used as foreplay!
I'm trying to work up the courage to ask Merriless out on a date!
Frankly, Gone, I'm relieved!
Why?
All these years I thought you were trying to work up the courage to ask ME out on a date!
Damn, Brokeback Mountain has really changed the way people think these days!


Seems a lot of us at Seattle Gross have been given nicknames! Drek is "Dr. WetDreamy." Bully is "The Nutsy" and Gone is "007. License to Ill" after he bungled a surgery and a patient died!
Nicknames are moronic! I don't have time for that nonsense! Thank goodness I don't have one!
Yeah. Catch you later, "Dr. Ballbreaker"!
Sure. See you in the cafeteria, "Dr. Bug-up-her-butt"!

Mom. I know you have rapidly degenerating Alzheimer's disease, but I came to cheer you up!
I don't remember much, but this much I do remember — you couldn't cheer up a robin on prozac!
TODAY'S MENU
JELL
TOMORROW
RED JELL


I have to leave you now to perform surgery! I have a radical cholecystectomy scheduled at 10 A.M.!
Mom, there's no surgery! You're not a surgeon anymore!
And then I have to make dinner for my husband!
No. Mom. Dad is not around anymore!
And then he's taking me out to a Seattle Supersonics game. He said the Sonics suck!
Okay, Mom! You nailed one!
HELLO MY NAME IS ELLIE


Bully is a tyrant!
She's gearing up for Oct. 29th!
It's no wonder they dubbed her "The Nutsy"— she has us working all hours!
Yeah—the day we turn the clocks back! That *@$#*! will have us working 25 hours a day!


You all think I'm a ball-breaking Mama, but I'm here to help you survive as doctors! You're going to be surgeons! This is to toughen you up for the tasks ahead!
A surgeon needs strength to figure out tax loopholes! A surgeon needs stamina to negotiate for that $90,000 Beemer! A surgeon needs mental toughness to turn off that cell phone so that patients' emergency calls can be ignored while you're having an apple martini at the beach house! I'm here to do all that for you!
We were wrong about her!
She has our backs!

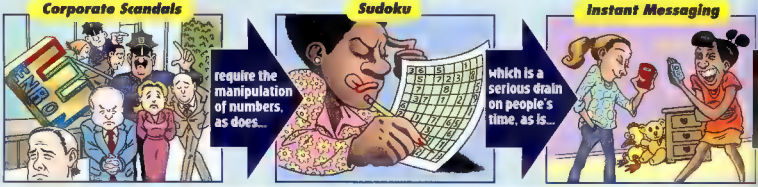
So this episode is over and I have to tie things up with a pithy closing narration! Here goes: It was William Shakespeare or Taylor Hicks who said, "All's well that ends well." My mom is still ill and my affair with Drek is shaky, but I did take 3rd place in a Renée Zellweger look-alike contest! Maybe next week I'll have something viewers REALLY want to hear me say — that the network's pulling the plug on this show!

THE DISSING LINK DEPT.

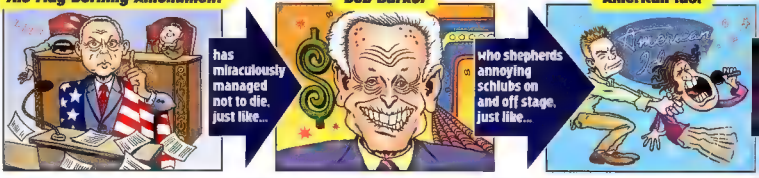
The game "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon" is extremely difficult — not because it's hard to connect people, but because people don't know who Kevin Bacon is anymore! But we here at MAD won't let a little thing like "staying current" get in the way of presenting you with yet another installment...

6 DEGREES OF SEPARATION

Can you connect CORPORATE SCANDALS to HILARY DUFF CDs?



Can you connect THE FLAG-BURNING AMENDMENT to MEL GIBSON?


The Flag-Burning Amendment
has miraculously managed not to die, just like...
Bob Barker
Who shepherds annoying schlubs on and off stage, just like...
American Idol

Can you connect DRUGS to LIVING IN IRAQ?

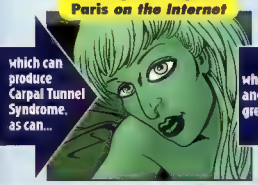
Can you connect THE BOY SCOUTS to MELISSA RIVERS?

The Boy Scouts
provide a role model for American youth, as does...
Cartman
HEY YOU BITCH ASS!
who's a big-headed cartoon character, as is...
Terrell Owens

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

BETWEEN ANYONE AND ANYTHING PART IX

Viewing One Night in Paris on the Internet



which can produce Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, as can...

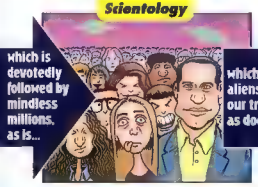
Oscar the Grouch

which is dirty and mostly green, as is...

Hilary Duff CDs

who spends most of his time in a garbage pail, much like...

Scientology



which is devotedly followed by mindless millions, as is...

The Anti-Immigration Lobby

which blames aliens for all of our troubles, as does...

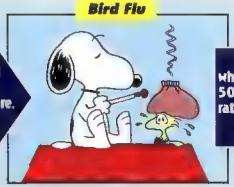
Mel Gibson

which is hurtful to minorities, as is...

"Hillary in 2008" Signs

which get Democrats "all worked [illegible]" as do...

Bird Flu

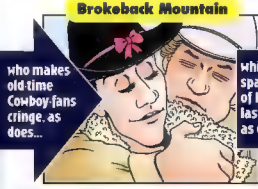


which will soon be everywhere, like...

Living in Iraq

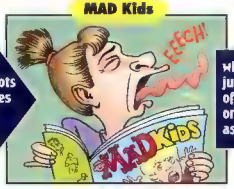
which has a 50% mortality rate, as does...

Brokeback Mountain



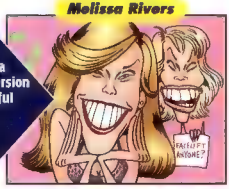
who makes old-time Cowboy fans cringe, as does...

MAD Kids

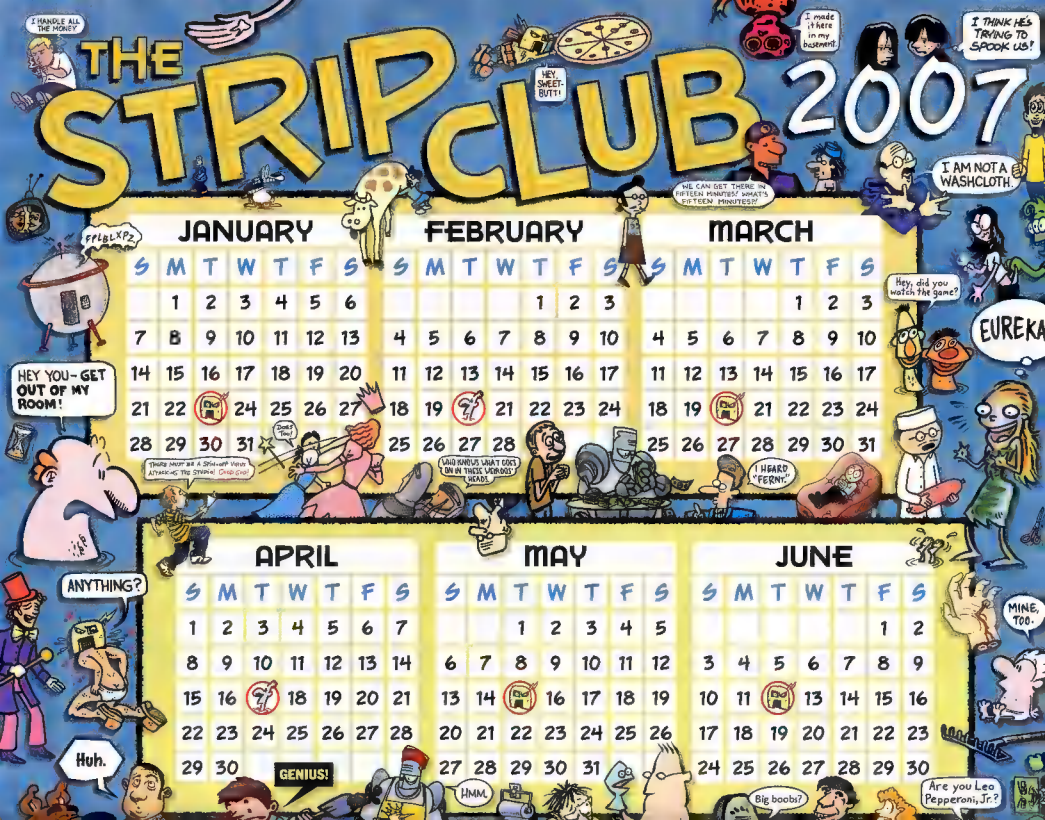


which spawned lots of bad jokes last year, as did...

Melissa Rivers



which is a junior version of an awful original, as is...


THE STRIP CLUB 2007
I HANDLE ALL THE MONEY
HEY SWEET BUTT!
I made it here in my basement.
I THINK HE'S TRYING TO SPOOK US!
I AM NOT A WASHCLOTH.
WE CAN GET THERE IN FIFTEEN MINUTES! WHAT'S FIFTEEN MINUTES?
FFLBLXPZ
JANUARY
FEBRUARY
MARCH
Hey, did you watch the game?
EUREKA
HEY YOU- GET OUT OF MY ROOM!
Hold Still
THERE MIGHT BE A SPIN-OFF VIRUS ATTACKING THE STRIPPERS. OMG!!OMG!
WHO KNOWS WHAT GOES ON IN THESE WOMEN'S HEADS.
I HEARD FERN!
APRIL
MAY
JUNE
ANYTHING?
MINE, TOO.
Huh.
GENIUS!
HMM.
Big boobs?
Are you Leo Pepperoni, Jr.?

JULY
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A MAD CALENDAR!
WHAT'S HE GRINNING ABOUT?
HOT DAMN!
You mean like a time machine?
SHUT UP.
HE WILL BE RETURNED... EVENTUALLY.
REJECTED ON ALL LEVELS!
MEDDLING KIDS!
OH yeah? Try me!! Who is this guy?
Hey, who struck up the barbecue!
EVERYONE will die...except you and me.
DRAMA BORES ME.
SO I TELL HER TO WRING IT OUT AFTER SHE—WHAT? WHO?
I'VE BEEN DEPENDENCY. I THINK MY PRINTER MESSED ME UP.
NOW, TO GET BACK TO THAT SCREENPLAY...
NO! YOU KNOW I HATE SUSHI!
So Soon?
= NEW ISSUES OF MAD AND MAD KIDS ON SALE!
= NEW ISSUES OF MAD AND MAD CLASSICS ON SALE!

IN BLOG WE TRUST DEPT.

Planet TAD!!!!!

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Planet TAD!!!!!

[About Me]

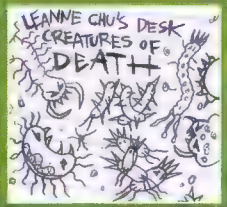
[Name|Tad]
[Age| ≥ 2 dog years]
[My whereabouts|Directly behind you]

[4 November|**06:02pm**]

I was flipping around on cable today, and caught a bit of [illegible]. The [illegible] and there some of the [illegible] they put, and y'know what? That [illegible] was old.

[8 November|**03:27pm**]

In our class, we're learning about [illegible]. On Monday, Mr. Parker ran a small across Leanne Chu's desk and then popped it across a [illegible] terrarium, he showed us all the success that had grown on the skin overnight. It was pretty cool, but it totally freaked Leanne out. She showed up today with a big bottle of [illegible] and kept squirting it on her hands and arming as her desk like it was gonna attack her. Mr. Parker tried to calm her down and told her that there's [illegible] on everything — even on the food we eat. I heard some guys cougher her later at lunch, running her pizza through [illegible] and then [illegible] it in the bathroom. Trying to [illegible]. She should be making a living with a [illegible].



[8 November|**08:42pm**]

[**mood**| embarrassed]

[illegible] is some advice: if you are going to try to get rid of a [illegible], don't just take a razor and shave down the middle of it, because you'll probably cut off more or one side than you mean to, and then you'll try to even it up on the other side, and then you'll realize you cut too much on that side and need to even it up on the other side, and one thing will lead to another and then you'll have no eyebrows.

[9 November|**03:58pm**]

[mood| embarrassed-er]

[illegible] is some MORE advice: if you've [illegible] accidentally shaved your own eyebrows off, don't try to draw them on with a [illegible], because even if you do a really good job, people will notice, and make fun of you. Also, it takes forever to wash your face eyebrow off.

[11 November|**02:43pm**]

I just got back from [illegible] where they were letting a "special screen" [illegible] of [illegible], with director's commentary. I think the only commentators I'd want to hear during Super Man Returns would be the director being hit with a [illegible] over and over, and the apologists for making a really crappy Superman movie. Come to think of it, I'd actually rather watch a movie about that than have to sit through Superman Returns again. Maybe I'll send that idea to [illegible]. I bet "The Director of Superman Returns gets hit with a baby" would make a lot of people

[13 November|**04:19pm**]

[**mood**| depressed]

Ugh. I'm so so much crabbier right now. I stayed up 'til 4 and maybe playing World of Warcraft, and I really didn't feel like waking up and going to school this morning. So I told my folks I had a sore throat, and they let me stay home.

That would've worked out great, except that when my evil sister Sophie came home, she found me practicing [redacted] for the princess. The good news is, I convinced her not to tell Mom and Dad. The bad news is, in return, now I have to do pretty much whatever she says. I just spent an hour playing Uno with her, and in a few minutes, I have to go play Barbie. I also have to figure out a way to kill her with Legos. Legos are pretty evil, you know.

My life officially sucks.

[14 November|**03:07pm**]

[**mood**| frustrated]

If anyone reading this was last night's episode of Smack Down, could you please email me and let me know how it all turned out? Just before the episode ended, Sophie managed to [redacted] to watch [redacted] Zack & Cody. I was all ready to surrender to them and then Sophie said, "Are you sure you want to do that?"

So instead I just went up to my room and played some solo [redacted] for a while, missing this!

[15 November|**07:50pm**]

[**mood**| angry]

Grrr. My friend at Rancraft Sweeden just died. I was just about to finish a quest when Sophie talked me in to love under her bed for monsters, and by the time I was done, my character had been slain, which put me back to the beginning.

[16 November|**03:16pm**]

[**mood**| stinky]

So, last night, Sophie made me sleep out her yucky pig's cage, and now, no matter how much I scrub, I smell like guinea pig. I thought it was just my imagination, but this morning at homeroom, Julie Underhill, who I've kind of liked ever since 5th grade, sniffed me an said, "Ew... I smell something gross. I think my dad, Mr. Bones, can I have?" Then I vomited. (Guy squirted Purell on me.

[17 November|**07:04pm**]

I didn't think things could get worse, but now, this

[17 November|**07:10pm**]

Now they have, because [redacted]

[17 November|**07:16pm**]

at last she stops when [redacted]

[17 November|**07:23pm**]

Mr Bolonia pls or that you're going to [redacted]

[17 November|**07:30pm**]

Often.

[18 November|**05:35pm**]

[**mood**| relieved]

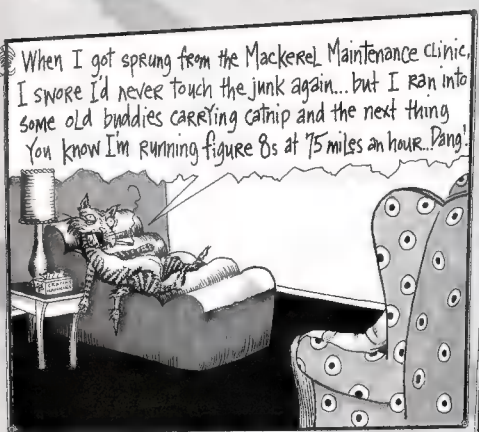
Today, I had to stay up going to the movies with Dad because Sophie insisted that I come to the pet party she was having with my stuffed animals. Which was bad enough... but then, when I got there, I found out that I wasn't even a guest — I was there about so I had to keep on passing food for her chatty best and arguments and [redacted], and Sophie kept complaining loudly to them that I was a month awful earlier, and saying that she wasn't going to do that a time.

After about a half hour, I finally put the hostess down and went downstairs to Mom and Dad and told them that I'd been lying sick. I was expecting them to get mad and ground me or something, but instead my dad just laughed and said, "We were wondering how much longer you could last." It turns out, Sophie tattled on me last week, and my folks had decided that they were probably punishment would be to leave me alone and ignored. My parents are sick people.

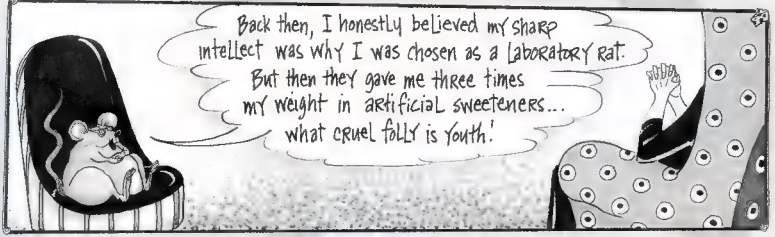
Anyways. I've got to go. I need to go to the Sophie about all the new monsters I've noticed under her bed.

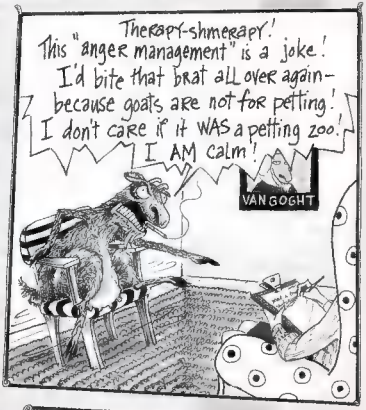
WRITER: TIM CARVELL ARTIST: BRIAN DURNIAK

FROM THE FILES OF WANDA GOLDSTEIN FLENKMAN: ANIMAL PSYCHIATRIST

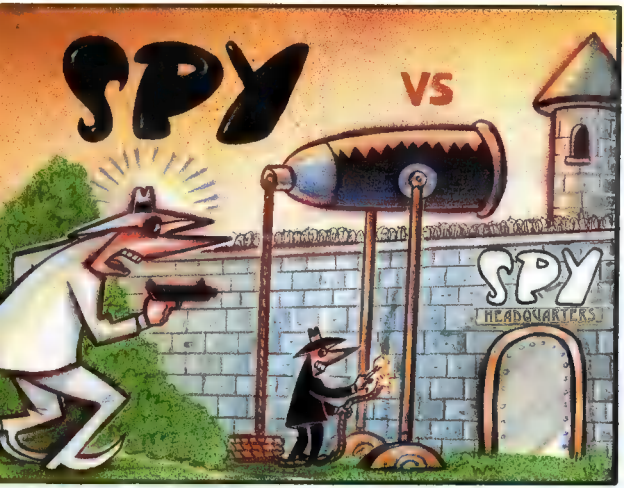

When I got sprung from the Mackerel Maintenance clinic, I swore I'd never touch the junk again... but I ran into some old buddies carrying catnip and the next thing you know I'm running figure 8s at 75 miles an hour... Bang!

... and the nightmare is always the same... my head stuck on some plaque above a fireplace... and then the real horror... they put sunglasses on me!


Back then, I honestly believed my sharp intellect was why I was chosen as a laboratory rat.
But then they gave me three times my weight in artificial sweeteners...
what cruel folly is youth!


Therapy-shmerapy! This "anger management" is a joke! I'd bite that brat all over again- because goats are not for petting! I don't care if it WAS a petting zoo! I AM calm!
VAN GOGHT

WRITER AND ARTIST: TERESA BURNS PARKHURST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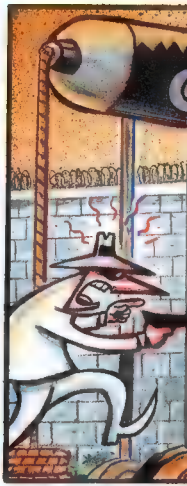

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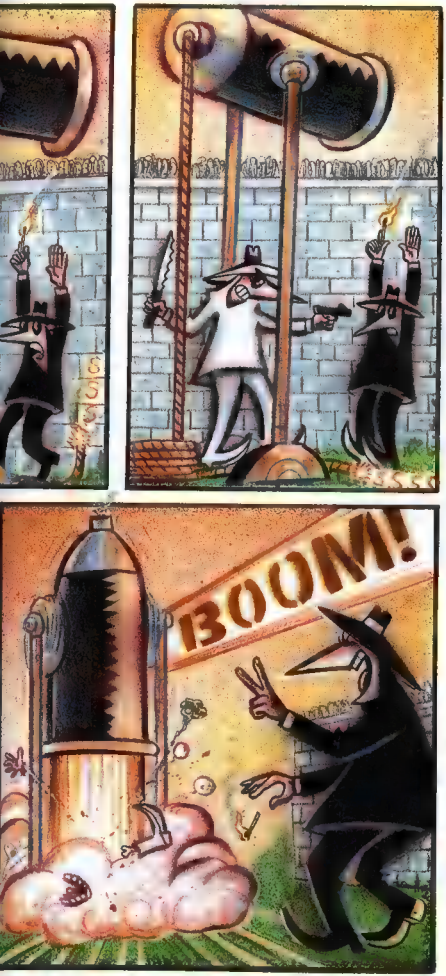
SPY VS SPY
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JERK
SPLAT!
BOOM!
KUPER

Every Thanksgiving, Butterball and all the other major poultry-pushers have toll-free numbers where customers can call about their cooking emergencies and get live help. Of course, we here ■ MAD have our own advice — skip the cooking and just weasel an invitation to someone else's dinner! Still, this year, while you're sitting at grandma's, trying ■ stay awake after eating your weight in stuffing, you may as well pass the time by dialing one ■ those numbers and asking some…

QUESTIONS WE'D LIKE TO ASK THE

TURKEY HOTLINE

Can I get Avian Bird Flu from making out with someone with a mouth full of giblets?

My ferret crawled inside the turkey. How can I coax him out?

Is it against the law to have the children's table in an unheated garage if the weather is above freezing?

Do I have to use those stupid traced-hand crayon drawing turkey placemats my grandchildren made in pre-school this week and brought over? I mean, I have the good china out today!

Can I thaw my frozen turkey with a laser pointer?

Is it true I can flash-cook my turkey using jumper cables and a car battery? Does AAA come out on Thanksgiving?

Under new FAA laws, can I pack turkey gravy in my carry-on luggage?

We ran out of bread crumbs for the stuffing. Can we extend it with styrofoam packing peanuts?

How do I keep my 18-pound turkey from rolling off my 6" x 7" George Foreman Grill? I tried securing it with duct tape but it just melts and sets off the smoke alarm.

What do you do for work the other 364 days of the year?

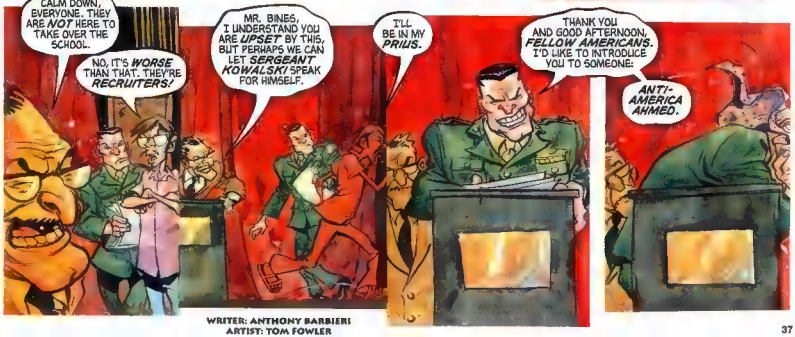
My six-week old baby seems sluggish. Can I use that pop-up turkey thermometer to see if she has a fever?

Is Domino's open today?

WRITER: SCOTT ALARIO
ARTIST: TOM BUNK

Prepare for Battle! It's...

MONROE and... The Army Part 1


CALM DOWN, EVERYONE. THEY ARE NOT HERE TO TAKE OVER THE SCHOOL.
NO, IT'S WORSE THAN THAT. THEY'RE RECRUITERS!
MR. BINES, I UNDERSTAND YOU ARE UPSET BY THIS, BUT PERHAPS WE CAN LET SERGEANT KOWALSKI SPEAK FOR HIMSELF.
I'LL BE IN MY PRIUS.
THANK YOU AND GOOD AFTERNOON, FELLOW AMERICANS. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO SOMEONE:
ANTI-AMERICA AHMED.

WRITER: ANTHONY BARBIERI
ARTIST: TOM FOWLER

ANTI-AMERICA AHMED HATE AMERICA! DIE TO AMERICA!
HEAVY STUFF, huh?
DEAR LORD!
THAT WAS AWESOME!
THANK YOU, SON. OF COURSE, THE REAL AHMED WON'T BE USING BLANKS. AND HE WON'T END HIS SHOW WITH PATRIOTIC TUNES BY ONE MISTER TOBY KEITH.
My father served in the Army, where he lost his right eye...
WANNA LEARN MORE? STOP BY MY BOOTH ONE CLICK NORTH OF THE CAFETERIA.
YOU'RE THE YOUNG MAN WHO ENJOYED THE ASSEMBLY.
YEAH, YOU TOOK OUT A LOT OF ADVERSARIES. KINDA DREAM-LIKE.
ARMY
GLAD TO HELP. SO, THINK YOU CAN HANDLE BASIC TRAINING ONE DAY? ENDURE PAIN, HUMILIATION AND LEARN TO COPE WITH TORTURE?
DUDE, THIS IS HIGH SCHOOL. WE INVENTED THAT CRAP.
I LIKE YOUR GUMPTION, BEAN-POLE. THERE MIGHT BE A SOLDIER IN THERE AFTER ALL.
SO ANYWAY, WHEN DO YOU GET SHIPPED OFF? HA HA HA!
VERY FUNNY. SARGE KNOWS I'M TOO YOUNG BUT HE SAYS I CAN START PLANTING SOLDIER SEEDS.
I DID MY SHARE OF THAT DURING THE WAR!
ANYWAY, I'M GONNA TALK TO HIM TOMORROW. SARGE SAYS I COULD ALWAYS HAVE A FAMILY IN THE ARMY.
GUYS?
YEAH, WELL GOOD LUCK WITH ALL THAT. NOW MOVE, YOU'RE BLOCKING FASHION HOUSE.

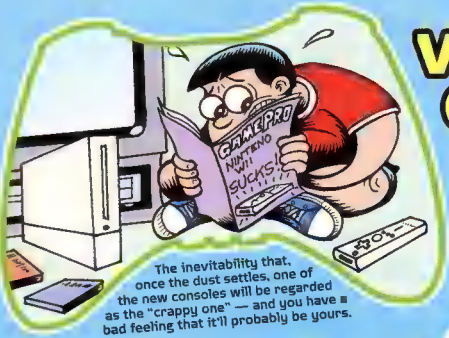
BEST ASSEMBLY EVER.
AND HE ACTUALLY SHOT AT THE STUDENTS?!?
WELL, YES. BUT DON'T START TROUBLE, BINES. WE LOSE THE MONEY THE MILITARY DONATES AND WE CAN KISS THE TETHERBALL COURT GOODBYE.
MONROE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON LINE? YOU'RE NOT THINKING ABOUT THE MILITARY, ARE YOU?
HECK, NO! I'M JUST WAITING TO GET ONE OF THOSE KICK-ASS T-SHIRTS HE'S GIVING OUT.
THAT'S MORONIC.
I KNOW. SWEET, RIGHT?
TELL IT AGAIN!
YEAH, YEAH, YEAH. WHATEVER.
YEAH, DO THE "GUMPTION" PART!
WELL, I, FUR ONE, AM PROUD OF THE BOY! HIGH TIME SOMEONE ELSE IN THIS FAMILY SERVED THIS LAND.
DON'T START THAT AGAIN.
YEAH, DAD. WHY DIDN'T YOU GO INTO THE ARMY?
YOU DIDN'T KNOW? HE'S A DRAFT DODGER!
MY HIDING OUT IN MEXICO HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE DRAFT, TRUST ME.
THE NEXT DAY...
MR. BINES? WHERE DID THE ARMY BOOTH GO?
I FOUND A LOOPHOLE. SEVERAL COLLEGES GOT RID OF THE RECRUITERS BY POINTING OUT THEIR DISCRIMINATORY POLICY AGAINST HOMOSEXUALS.
Huh?
WELL, OUR SCHOOL BANS DISCRIMINATION.
YEAH, RIGHT.
COME ON, GUYS! THAT'S MY NEW CREAM DON BACKPACK. GIVE IT BACK!
Ahem, ANYWAY, WE WON'T BE SEEING ANYTHING SPONSORED BY THE ARMY ANYTIME SOON.

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
THE SERGEANT HAS GOTTEN A NEW SPONSORSHIP.
THAT'S RIGHT. WELCOME TO THE "TOSTITOS LOVES AMERICA" BOOTH. WITH MUSIC BY MISTER TOBY KEITH!
"My father served in the Army."
CHIPS FOR EVERYONE!
THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS!
LOOK, THE MILITARY WAS ONE THING, BUT YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT FIGHTING THE FAST FOOD INTERESTS AT SCHOOL. THEY ARE JUST WAY TOO POWERFUL.
HIYA, SARGE.
HELLO, MONROE. CARE TO COME IN AND TALK ABOUT... CHIPS?
DEFINITELY.
CLASS, IN 100 WORDS OR LESS, I'D LIKE YOU ALL TO WRITE WHY THE MILITARY IS CULT-LIKE.
MR. BINES, THEY AREN'T CULT-LIKE. THEY TOTALLY WANT US TO BE PART OF THEIR FAMILY, PLUS CULTS DON'T HAVE COOL VIDEO HELMETS.
YOU SEE THOSE THINGS? AWESOME! LIKE CYLON WARRIORS.
I LIKE THE GRENADE-KNIFE THING.
THOSE ARE SWEET.
AHEM! BEFORE YOU HEAD OFF TODAY, I'VE PUT TOGETHER A SLIDE SHOW FROM WALTER REED HOSPITAL... LIGHTS!
WHOA. BUZZKILL, DUDE.
HE COULDN'T HAVE SHOWN US THAT STUFF AFTER LUNCH?
THAT ONE DUDE LOOKED LIKE LUNCH!
HELLO, MEN. I HEAR MISSUS BINES SHOWED YOU SOME OF OUR BRAVE VETERANS.
YEAH, PRETTY ROUGH.
AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT, BUT IN THE MEANTIME... FORGET IT.
LUCKY FOR YOU WE HAVE SHORT-TERM MEMORIES.
LUCKY FOR AMERICA, SON. I WANT TO INVITE YOU ALL TO SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR YOUNG MEN. THE VAN WILL PICK YOU UP SATURDAY MORNING.
WHOA! CHECK IT OUT! COUNT ME IN!
TO BE CONTINUED...

UNINTENDO DEPT.

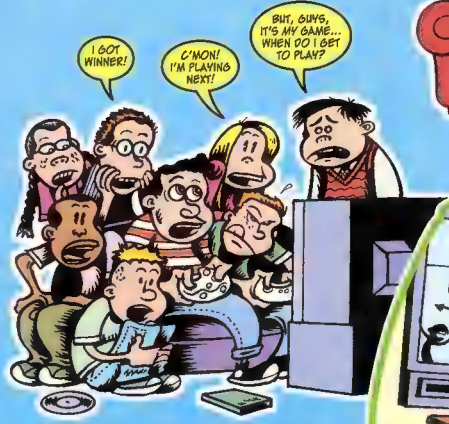
UNEXPECTED HASSLES OF NEW VIDEO GAME CONSOLES

Now that all of the next-generation video game systems have been released, you're probably up to your eyeballs in eerily-realistic sword-swinging, zombie-blasting, Nazi-killing madness. Sure, the Xbox 360, PS3 and Nintendo Wii are okay, but you're probably getting fed up with these totally...



The inevitability that, once the dust settles, one of the new consoles will be regarded as the "crappy one" — and you have a bad feeling that it'll probably be yours.

Your cheapskate parents act as if finally buying you something cool entitles them to lord it over you like extortionist loan sharks.



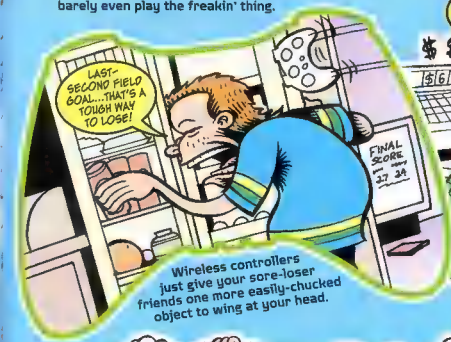
Your TV room will suddenly be filled with more dubious new "friends" than a trailer-trash PowerBall winner.

The new consoles' power allows for new heights of plotting and character development in the latest *Tomb Raider*, *Resident Evil* and *Doom* games — making you wonder why the same couldn't have been done for those awful movies.

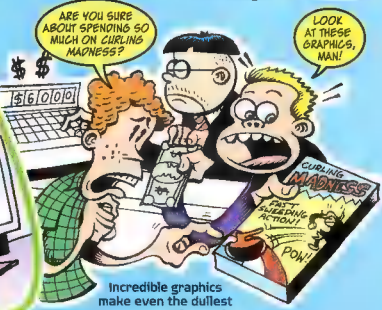
WRITER: JACOB LAMBERT ARTIST: PETER BAGGE

In order to afford the system, the endless peripherals and the latest games, you'll have to work so much that you can barely even play the freakin' thing.

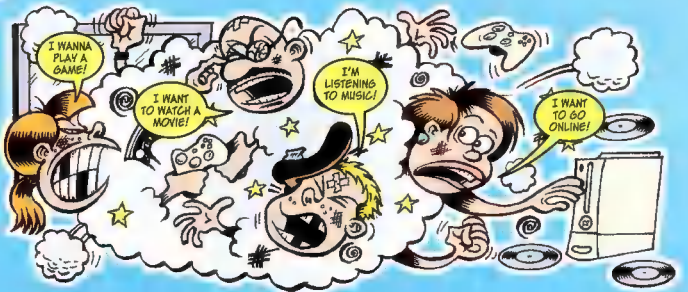
The amazing combination of team play, passing skills and tough defense in the new crop of NBA games will make it even tougher to stomach the sloppy real thing.



Wireless controllers just give your sore-loser friends one more easily-chucked object to wing at your head.



Incredible graphics make even the dullest games seem cool — at least until you actually play them.



The new consoles consolidate mp3, DVD, and the Internet into one place — which will also be the site of vicious family battles over who gets to use it.

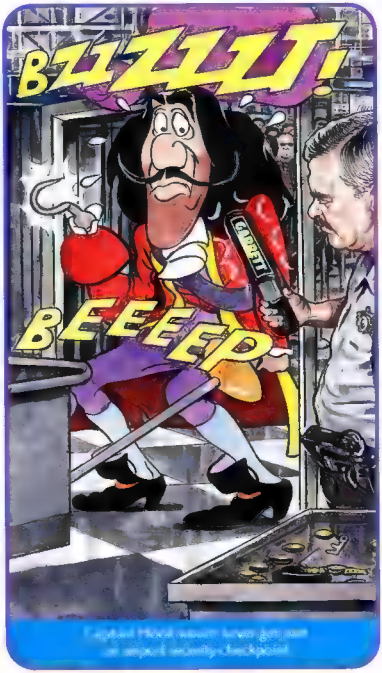
SCHLOCK AND ROLL DEPT.

MAD'S DEVILISH OUTTAKES FROM TENACIOUS D IN "THE PICK OF DESTINY"!

Do you see what I'm seeing?
Yeah, our careers flashing before our eyes!
Eww! He's an ugly musician – even by "Taylor Hicks" standards!
I think I have more chemistry with you than with Gwyneth in *Shallow Hal*!
Dear Satan, beastmaster of all – I beseech you to get me the hell out of this movie!
This is for moving *Nacho Libre* to the top of my Netflix queue!
WHO
Whoo – time for an Altoid!

What to Disney in the

For decades, the Walt Disney company has been churning out cheery cartoons where everything works out right, the hero learns an important lesson, and everyone lives happily ever after. Meanwhile, back here in reality, the bad guys often win, history inevitably repeats itself and the good guy doesn't always get the girl. So, the next time you find yourself being brainwashed by Disney's heartwarming treacle, take a moment to have a reality check and consider...

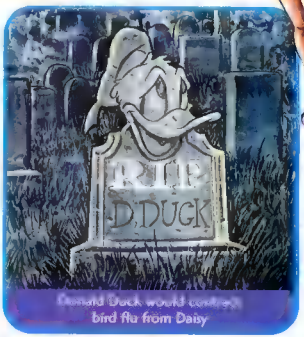


Pocahontas would work as a blackjack dealer at an Indian reservation casino

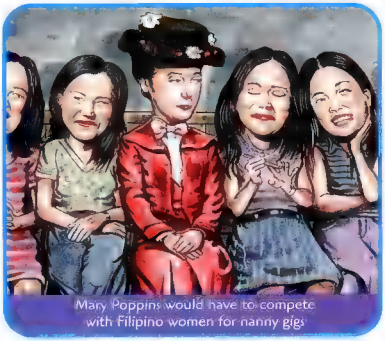
WRITER: ADAM RUST ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN

Would Happen Characters Real World?

Mulan soon after being smuggled into the country in the cargo hold of a devious freighter. Mulan would become the multi-millionaire owner of a chain of nail salons.

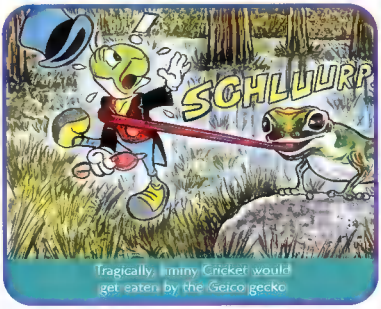


Donald Duck would contract bird flu from Daisy



Mary Poppins would have to compete with Filipino women for nanny gigs

Belle would get the *Queer Eye* guys to give Beast a makeover



Tragically, Jiminy Cricket would get eaten by the Geico gecko

The Seven Dwarfs would be unemployed victims of corporate downsizing and outsourcing

Not long ago, we ran "The League of Rejected Superheroes" — but what good are crappy heroes without equally pathetic villains to fight? So, we enlisted some of comics' hottest stars (who had a pretty good run — until they took part in this career-ender) to illustrate these...

LESSER-KNOWN COMIC BOOK VILLAINS

WRITER: JEFF KRUSE

The Vague Viper

COMIC BOOK DEBUT: *Just Die, Already* #133, 1989.

ENEMIES: That Guy in the Green Boots; LadyPerson.

SUPER-POWER: After being exposed to radiation, she developed amazing skill at the card game Uno.

SPLIT PERSONALITY: Sometimes joins with the forces of good, which is in keeping with her role as leader of the Ambivalence League of America.

WEAPON: The Pamphlet of Lies.

M.O.: One of the rare non-violent bad gals, she ties crime fighters with nuisance lawsuits.

ARTIST: TERRY DODSON

Professor Generico

COMIC BOOK DEBUT: *Teen Geezer* #14, 1996.

ORIGIN OF EVIL: Experimented with a bizzarre potion that made him think he was a member of the San Diego Padres.

BACKGROUND: Acknowledged as one of the most brilliant scientists in his field, which, unfortunately, was intestinal bacteria. The creators could never find a way to make his evil non-disgusting.

CLAIM TO INFAMY: Gained a small measure of fame in 1997 when he became the one millionth "Scientist Gone Bad."

AMAZING POWER: Has the ability to re-grow his hair, should he lose any.

DIABOLICAL INVENTION: The PortaClock, an ingenious timepiece so small that it can be worn on one's wrist.

ARTIST: SAM KIETH

The Trillionaire

COMIC BOOK DEBUT: *The Fairly Good 3*, 1975.

ORIGIN OF EVIL: Made most of his money by stealing it; though, in fairness, made much of it by lying to investors who gave it willingly.

ENEMIES: Budgie Man; Medium-Sized Woman; and The Invisible Amoeba (a.k.a. The Fairly Good 3).

GREAT TRIUMPH: Discovered the identity of Budgie Man, which wasn't really such a big deal, since his real name is Frank Budgie, and he's in the phone book.

SECRET WEAPON: Has a special microchip in his brain allowing him to get free Sirius radio and cable reception.

HANDICAP: Due to a non-tragic immune disorder, he can only live in 78 degree weather near a large body of water containing salt, and needs rum-based medicine to survive.

ARTIST: JOHN CASSADAY COLORIST: LAURA MARTIN

The Yakmaster

COMIC BOOK DEBUT: *Wonderful Stories of Wondrous Wonderment*, 1956.

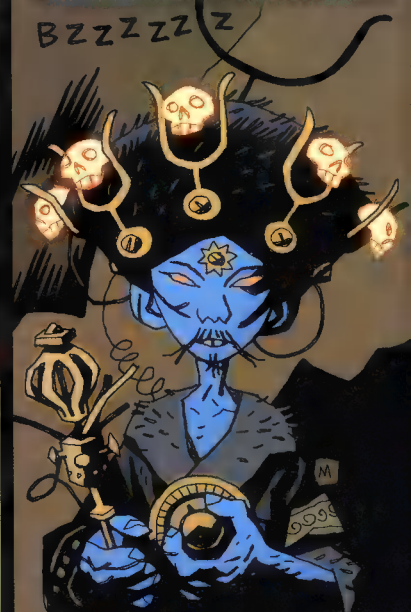
BACKGROUND: This comic was originally written in a Himalayan dialect spoken by around 200 people, and the translation is very iffy.

ORIGIN OF EVIL: The Yakmaster was the Son of the Emperor in the mountain kingdom of Mushnl Timbala (or hat maker, it's not really clear) when his father banished him, presumably to further the plot.

WEAPON: Something that looks like a blender with sharpened bamboo sticks protruding from it.

REVERSAL OF CLICHÉ: Though there's a Buddhist monastery close by, he traveled to Mississippi to be trained by Southern Baptist ministers.

CATCHPHRASE: Hard to tell — he's a bit of a mumbler.



ARTIST: MIKE MIGNOLA COLORIST: DAVE STEWART

SARCASMA

COMIC BOOK DEBUT: Triumph Of Evil: Sometimes Like You Couldn't See Dad Until Evening #13

ORIGIN OF EVIL: Became mutated as a result of a top secret governmental experiment involving monkeys. Thrown into a George Foreman Grill, shot, scream, set ablaze and ejected out a two-story window, Sarcasma's feelings on life remain...

SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGH: Using new organic-based hypnosis, can easily incinerate.

HUMAN COUNT: Became quite bored after eating her first ten victims and discovered limbo things.

HEART FIND: Impressed by Breakfast Orgies, leader of the Carnivore Cousins of Darker Nations, and helped them pump it with lemon pop rocks and chemicals and watch it boil.

ANCIENT REGRET: Although human lives mean zilch to her, in Painting on the side of Denmark, she feels there's still one life to be thankful for.

ARTIST: CHRIS BACHALO

DR. UMBRAGE

COMIC BOOK DEBUT: Guardian #48/Hoopers, 1993

ORIGIN OF EVIL: Embarked on a life of crime when his high school guidance counselor suggested he was best suited for that field.

SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGH: ...can burn the internal organs limitless in but not the skin, so it's pretty useless.

DISCOVERY: Created a serum that causes excruciating pain, disfigurement, and slow death. Although he could never find a way to use it for the betterment of mankind, the FDA took issue.

OTHER SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGH: Discovered that he could create new life by mating with women. Not that one has ever happened.

REDEEMING QUALITY: Created an alternative fuel vehicle. Granted, it runs on the blood of his victims, but still, every little thing we can do for the environment helps.

ARTIST: KEVIN NOWLAN

A.N.N.O.Y

COMIC BOOK DEBUT: Big Numbers #1 Feb 1962

MOST ANNOYING MOMENT: He almost doesn't actually stand for anything.

HANGOUT: Sleeps with both a blanket and a tiny replica of "the most influential book in the comic universe."

WEAPONS: The Big Gun That Shoots Bullets.

NEMESIS: A cloaking organization similar to the Xavier-Men-based reboot — and involving dinosaur bites.

DEVELOPMENT: In the grips of a melodrama. Name years when a unique opportunity to write anime which types he desires he would receive: unsupervised, terrific, amazing, or shaped their stories terrific.

The Clarinetist

COMIC BOOK DEBUT: Mitch Superstar #1 Nov 1972

ORIGIN OF EVIL: He grew with short arms & other issues involving his car and a bowling ball.

COSTUME: Green pants, tie-dyed t-shirt and 11 necklaces with the pet leashes.

DOWNFALL: Were driven insane by the incessant noise which the souls who see out of his head.

INVENTION: A special holster gives him the ability of a third and the strength of a hummingbird.

FUN FACT: The Clarinetist was created by Stuart Lee Ross of Hollywood and the Bear Lee.

ARTIST: GLENN FABRY

ARTIST: HUMBERTO RAMOS COLORIST: LEONARDO OLEA

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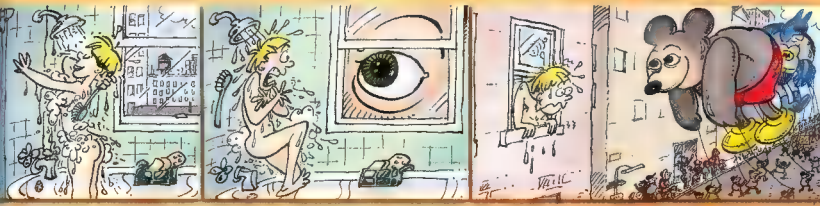

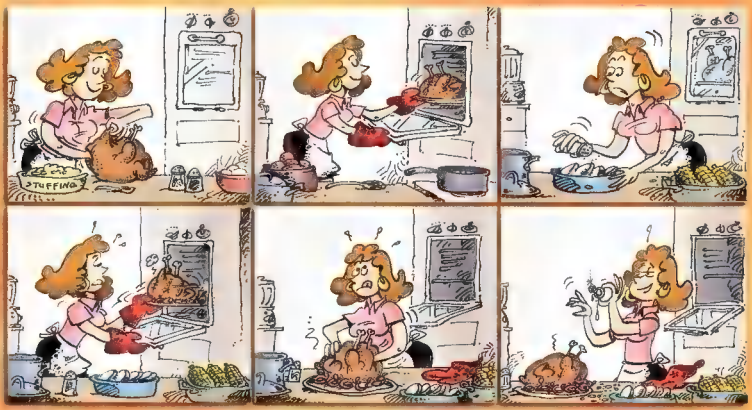

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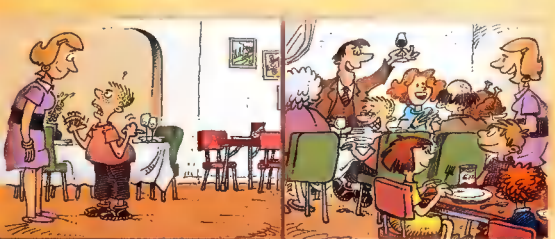

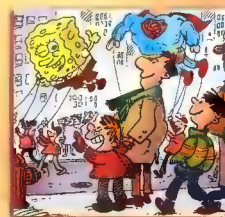

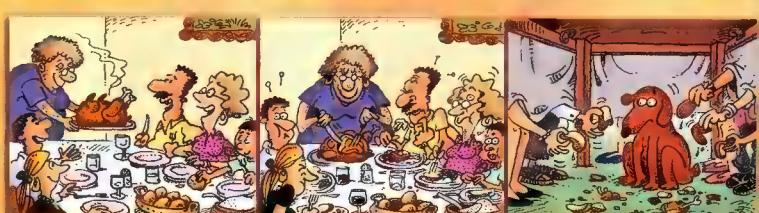

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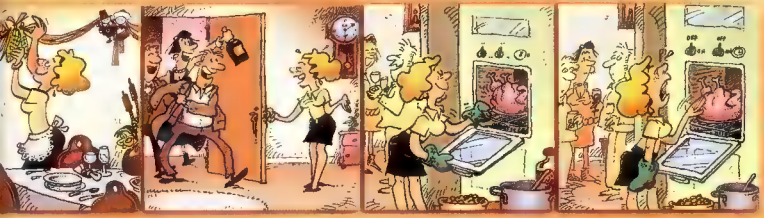

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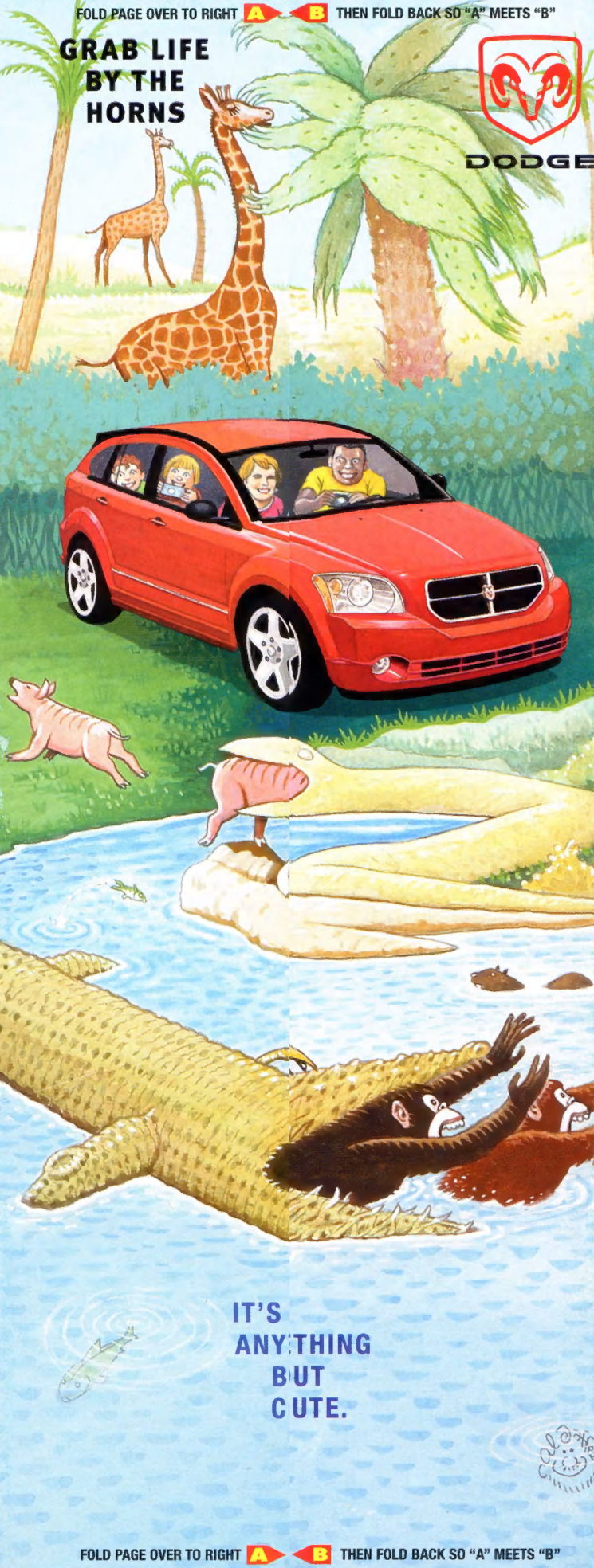

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